

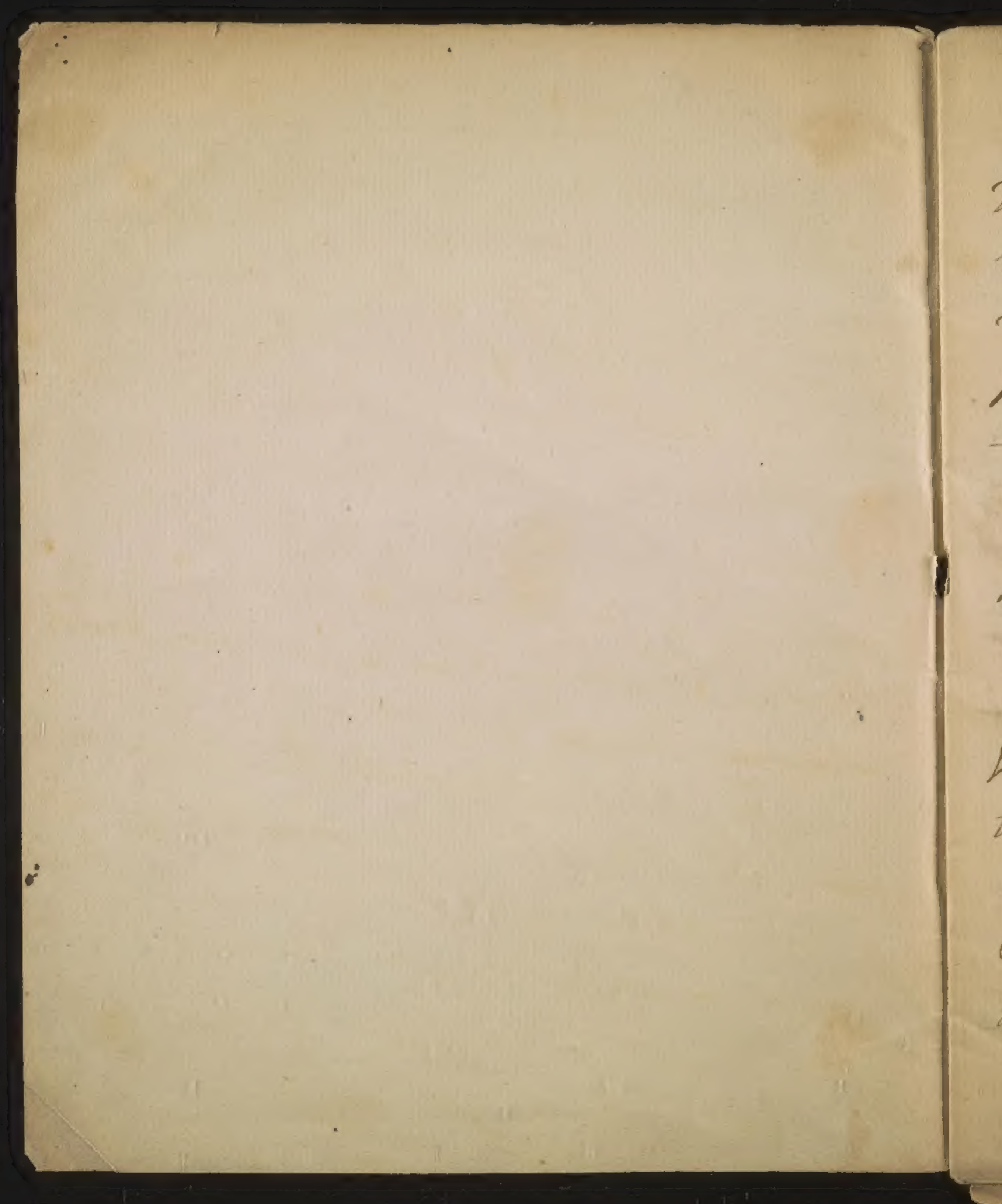
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*Voluntary address for 18th.*







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Validictory lecture for 1811

Here Gentlemen - we close the studies and  
labors of the present session of the classes. In  
reviewing the course of lectures I have delivered,  
I am conscious of many defects in them.  
- These have arisen from the difficulty of  
many of the subjects connected with my  
professorship, and from <sup>the</sup> limits assigned to  
a course of lectures in our University.  
Notwithstanding <sup>the facts & opinions</sup> I have delivered  
attends of ~~what I have taught you~~ ~~that~~  
~~today~~, I ~~have~~ from this Chair, I can  
truly say I have weighed their importance,  
and application to ~~you~~ the exercise  
of the profession of medicine in your hands.  
~~I have aimed~~ In doing so, I have considered  
that I must answer at a much higher  
tribunal than yours, for every



✓ And however unpleasant this may  
to the Authors of new Opinions in Science,  
it has obvious Uses. It <sup>restrains</sup> ~~prevents~~ in many  
instances the propagation of error, and it  
leads to a more rapid ~~propagation~~ <sup>propagation</sup> of  
truth by interesting unprejudiced persons  
in its defence. Of this I can speak from  
experience, for to the able support which  
my principles have received from the  
enlightened part of the Students and gradu-  
ates in this University, I ascribe this  
more general adoption and prevalence in  
our country that I expected when I  
first promulgated them.

~~ingenious opponents~~



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voluntary error, or deception that should  
fall from my lips.

I am aware of the obloquy that  
is attached to all theories ~~is~~ or rather  
to new theories in medicine, nor am  
I ~~a stranger to~~ <sup>to</sup> the ~~theory~~ early - and uniform  
opposition that has been made to the new  
principles which I have <sup>taught in</sup> ~~introduced~~  
in this University. It does not become  
me to say any thing in this they have  
met with the fate of innovation in  
every thing, <sup>✓</sup> ~~and~~ to the ~~rigor~~ with which  
they have been examined, and the ingenuity  
with which they have been opposed. I  
ascribe this more general adoption &  
prevalence in our Country than I ~~ever~~  
expected when I first ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~taught~~  
promulgated ~~taught~~ them.



V. suggested these remedies must follow  
them sooner or later, for their use can  
be ~~defend~~ justified, and defended by no  
other system of medicine. <sup>most of them</sup> They are all  
alike opposed by the systems of ~~Bohner~~ Boerhaave  
Cullen Darwin and Brown. —



Even in this city, where they have ~~thought~~  
been examined with the most rigor, and opposed with  
~~most for some established movements~~, there is not  
the most burning and ingenuity; there is not  
a sick room that does not have a  
willing, or an unwilling testimony in  
favor of all the ~~adoption~~ <sup>by the general</sup> remedies that were  
suggested by them. The principles which

[Should time, and more extensive expe-  
rience in the treatment of diseases, ~~not~~ <sup>refute</sup>  
the principles I have delivered, be not discon-  
-raged in your expectations of truth in the  
things of medicine. <sup>They</sup> ~~It~~ exists somewhere.  
They must sooner or later ~~awaken~~ <sup>awaken</sup> the  
myriads of sleeping facts which have  
been accumulated by the labor of ages  
in our profession  
and connect them together, so as form  
a perfect system of medicine from them.  
On this belief I shall descend to my  
grave. Did I not cherish it, I would



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~~Wished to write to~~

In the lectures which I have delivered upon  
the practice of physic, I have frequently  
omitted to giving you histories of diseases.  
- These you will find in the following  
practical books which should compose  
the germe of every medical library. viz  
Sydenham, - Pinell, - Celsus, - Collin,  
Mourou, - Willan, - Huxham, - Vanswieten  
Lind, - Cask - Bothersill, Senac, Alibert &  
Jackson. As it will be difficult and often  
impracticable for you to procure all the  
<sup>new</sup> books that are published in medicine (too  
many of which are nothing but compilations)  
permit me to recommend to you to sub-  
scribe for some one of us for all the periodi-  
<sup>medical</sup> cal works that are published in New York &  
in this city. They will not only convey to



✓ In surveying my Class I am led to <sup>reflect</sup> ~~reflect~~  
with distress <sup>upon</sup> the loss of two of its members  
by death, since the day we ~~first~~ first met  
in this room.

Let us drop a tear of grief over their  
graves, and of sympathy with their afflicted  
parents and families; but let us at the  
same time console ourselves with the  
recollection of =

✓ In ~~examining~~ ~~the~~ ~~labor~~ surveying my Class  
for the last time, I cannot help taking  
notice that not a single death has occurred,  
among us, <sup>course.</sup>  
since the commencement of the ~~course~~ =  
considering our numbers, and the many courses  
of disease and death to which we have been exposed  
during the winter, & the severe indispositions  
with which some of you have been afflicted =  
Mr Higgin from Thentuche, and  
Mr Davis from Georgia. —



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you an account of the contents of Eu-  
ropean publications, but of all the disco-  
veries and improvements in medicine  
that are made in our country.

In reviewing the remarks upon the clinical  
cases I have to regret that fewer cases have  
occurred than usual in our hospital  
to furnish subjects for them. But even  
have occurred to illustrate the principles  
I have taught. Of the cases which have  
not been cured, or even relieved you will  
recollect what I said of hospital patients in  
~~one~~ one of our introductory lectures. They  
are generally persons who have been worn  
down by intemperance, or <sup>who have been</sup> sent to the  
hospital after all the resources of private  
practice have been exhausted upon them. &  
often with an expectation only of <sup>dying</sup> being  
~~relieved~~ <sup>relieved</sup> in comfortable circumstances  
not of being cured.



✓ it becomes us to be thankful to the  
Preserver of men for this distinguishing  
favor. Such an exemption from death  
in so large a number of persons for  
such a month is ~~too~~ under circumstances  
~~the so favorable~~ so disposed, and so combined  
to produce it, is contrary to the usual

laws of mortality in all countries.  
I lament that the number and pressure of  
your studies, have prevented  
your complying with my wishes to  
see you at the hours I had desired to  
your company twice a week. Your  
time I have in doubt was ~~more useful~~ <sup>both</sup>  
by ~~employed~~ I procured myself ~~more~~  
pleasure and instruction from it. I have  
consoled myself for the loss of both by a belief  
that your time was ~~constantly~~ <sup>more</sup>  
usefully employed in ~~attending to the~~ <sup>revising</sup> ~~all~~  
and fixing upon your memories the subjects  
of the different lectures delivered in the University. ①

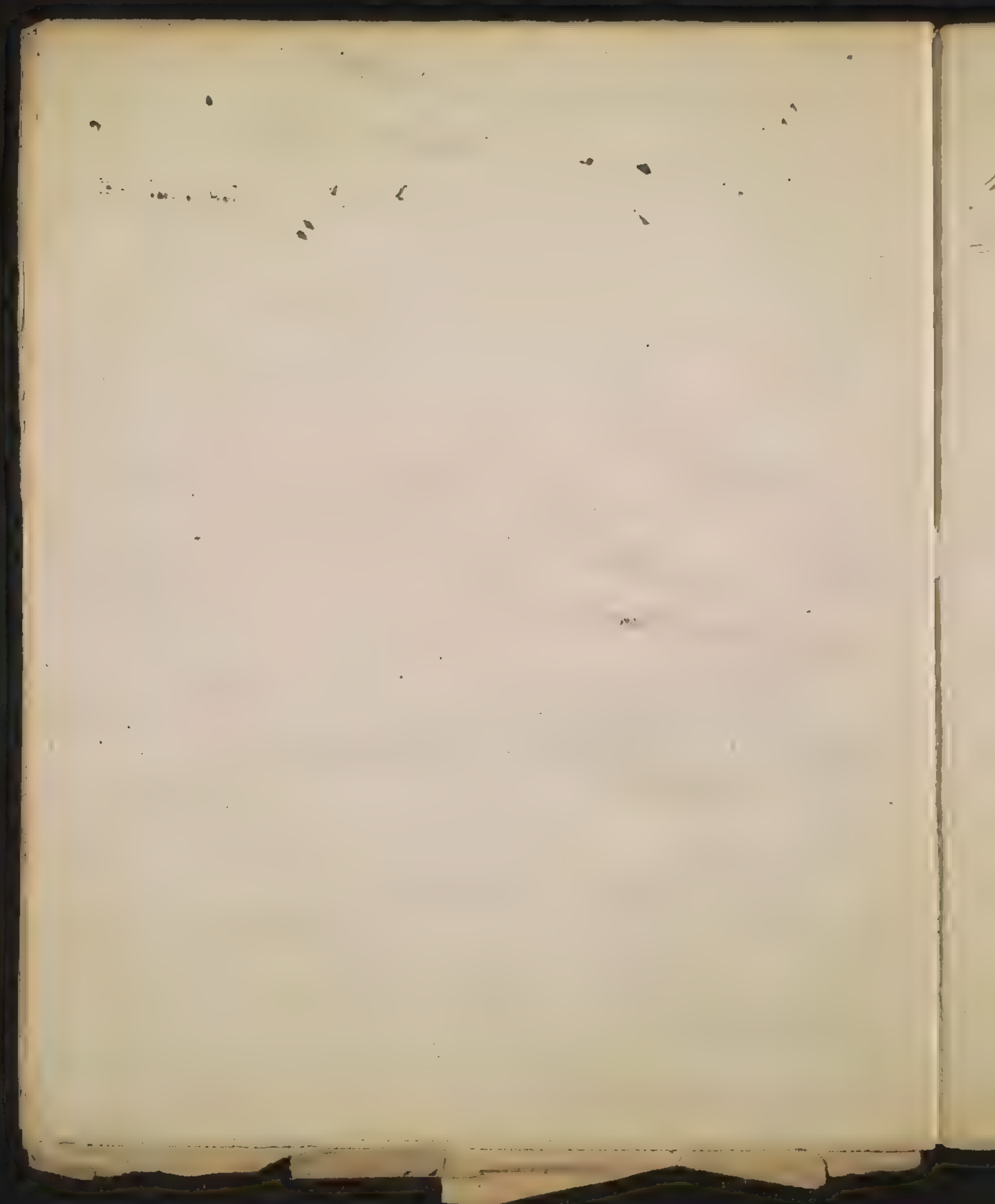


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of ~~you have been afflicted~~ it is a matter  
of surprise ~~of congratulation~~, that more of us have  
not and contrary to the usual laws of  
human mortality, that a greater number of  
Deaths have not taken place among us.

I lament first: that the number of  
your studies ~~your engagements~~, have prevented  
my ~~maintaining~~ that ~~intimate~~ <sup>close</sup> intercourse with you,  
that I wished, and from which I should  
have derived both pleasure & instruction.  
I am sure, ~~numerous & complicated~~ <sup>difficult and oppressive</sup> as my labors

During the winter,  
have been, I close them with regret. Never  
have I sat down in my chair since the  
first week in November, without pleasure  
until this day. Accept of my thanks for  
the wonderful attention and punctuality  
with which you have been pleased to  
honour these lectures. With the most







cordial wishes for your prosperity and  
happiness, I commend you to the pro-  
tection of Heaven, and thus ~~cordially~~  
Affectionately bid you Farewell. —







